

South Bay Symphony Rates Raves in 'Peter and Wolf'

By GERTRUDE LUMSDEN
Last Thursday evening the South Bay Civic Symphony, with Rosemary DeCamp as guest-artist, made an auspicious beginning to their 10th year with a concert that was received by the large audience with growing enthusiasm which began with warm approval and rose to a climax of applause that was an ovation to both Elyse Aehle and the Orchestra. The Parent-Teacher Association of Redondo Union High

School and the Adult Education department are to be congratulated on their sponsorship of such a program.
After the flag-salute and welcome given by Principal A. L. Young came "Peter and the Wolf." This writer is sure that this popular musical story by Prokofiev has never before had as enchanting and charming a narrator as Rosemary DeCamp, who, by means of her very expressive voice, made the characters of the tale literally come

to life. From the musical standpoint, it was superbly portrayed by the Symphony, especially the very difficult part of the "Bird," brilliantly performed by flautist Arthur Lytle, the "Grandfather" so well played by James Butterfield on his new \$1000 bassoon, and the softly-treading "Cat" played by clarinetist Barbara June Miller. French horns Bob Maxwell, Ted Misenhimer, John Fuller, and Niel Davis made the part of the "Wolf" authentically vil-

lains, the shooting of the hunters was most excitingly depicted by Percussionists Gordon Petrie and Gordon Todd, the quacking "Duck" was played by Oboist Edw. Foster, and the large string section brought to life bright, pert little "Peter."
Overture Lauded
Next came Von Weber's beautiful operatic "Overture to Der Freischutz," most expressively played and with fine phrasing. Many commented that it should be heard more often.

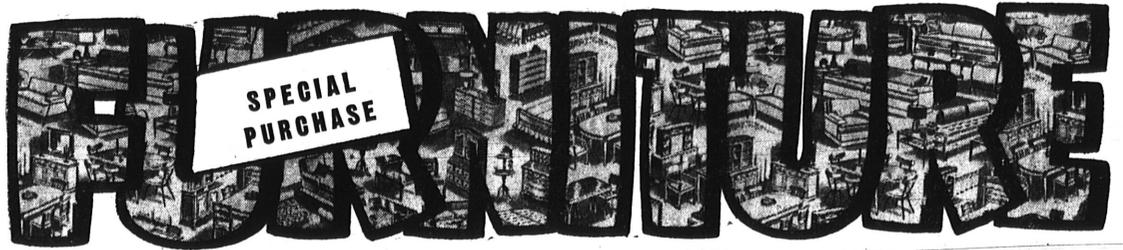
The members of the orchestra are people who meet together to make music for the sheer love of it, and who have in their conductor, Elyse Aehle, a kindred spirit who has had vast experience in welding into one cohesive body individual musicians of varying attainments. This could be noticed in the performance of the third number, "Adoration" by Borowski, the players interpreting this work with a sort of radiant spirit that communicated itself to the audience. The solo part, played by Concert Meister Myron Fischer, was beautifully done

with a tone of sheer, translucent beauty and good melodic line.
Orchestra Rated High
By this time, it became evident that this orchestral group, under the skillful inspiration of their leader, had indeed welded itself into a fine unit professional in appearance and possessing true symphonic tonal quality.
When it came to the "Blue Danube Waltz," the director (who knows Vienna well) seemed to really "let himself go." These lovely waltzes were played as they should be (but so

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seldom are). In the spirited, gay, music-loving Viennese manner, with dynamics and tempo in the true Straussian vein, further proof of the professional quality and flexibility of this instrumental group.
Performs Encore
With this, the concert was supposed to have come to a close, but the audience, which had become more and more enthused with every number, seemed loath to leave, and Miss Aehle agreed to play a leading her fine group in a spir-

ited performance of this country's favorite march, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."
It was a splendid concert, most enthusiastically received, and there is no doubt the South Bay Civic Symphony Orchestra with its conductor Elyse Aehle is to be reckoned with as a forceful and important factor in the artistic life of our community.
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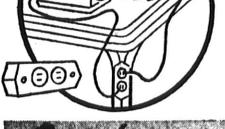
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